

LOCAL MUSICAL TRIBUTES FOR
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, as our nation continues to heal the wounds from the losses suffered on September 11, 2001, I have personally received numbers of phone calls, e-mails, and letters from East Tennesseans offering suggestions, words of support, and prayers for all Americans dealing with this tragedy. Mr. Jerry White, a teacher from Hampton, Tennessee composed a song titled "Freedom Didn't Fall." In addition, Dr. Charles L. Walter from Johnson City, Tennessee enclosed a hymn titled "When Sudden Terror Tears Apart." Having been moved by these musical compositions, I wanted to share these lyrics with the Congress in order that others may read these uplifting and comforting words.

FREEDOM DIDN'T FALL—MR. JERRY WHITE

We took a mighty hit that day, brothers hear the call.
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall.
Today our hearts are heavy, we share the grief you bear.
Evil bounds through the world, we've turned to God in prayer.
America must be strong this hour, rays of hope through perils and fright,
A light of love for freedom, shining brightly through the night.
Innocent souls passed on that day, they are martyrs to the cause.
We must be devoted to fight and never stop to pause.
It will be hard to find the enemy to fight.
This may be the final chance for the whole world to unite.
We must stand firm to eradicate evil from our home,
And stand as models to the world no matter where we roam.
Why did this happen here, we ask? The answer's plain to see.
They terrorize for naught, but strike fear in you and me.
These were evil deeds, the acts of evil men.
We must resolve and affirm that this will never occur again.
Firemen, policemen, volunteers have answered freedom's call.
Dedicated sacrifice in this land of sacred law.
The heroes in the plane of Air Flight Ninety-Three,
Have set the tone of sacrifice for all of us to see.
Yea, we took a mighty hit today, now Americans hear the call
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall!

**WHEN SUDDEN TERROR TEARS APART—THE
REV. CARL P. DAW**

When sudden terror tears apart the world we thought was ours, we find how fragile strength can be, how limited our powers.
As tower and fortress fall we watch with disbelieving stare and numbly hear the anguished cries, the pierce the ash-filled air.
Yet most of all we are aware of emptiness and void: of lives cut short, of structures razed, of confidence destroyed.
From this abyss of doubt and fear we grope for words to pray, and hear our stam-

mering tongues embrace a timeless Kyrie.

Have mercy Lord, give us strength and peace and make our courage great; restrain our urge to seek revenge, to turn our heart to hate.

Help us to know your steadfast love, your presence near as breath; rekindle in our hearts the hope of life that conquers death.

**TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BYRNE
JESSUP**

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Fellow Marine, Robert Jessup, who passed away on April 7th, 2002.

Robert Byrne Jessup was born January 4, 1942 in Washington, DC. He attended Washington and Lee High School and George Washington University. He was honorably discharged after serving in the US Marine Corps from 1960–1964 as a Lance Corporal, H&S Co., 2nd Shore Party Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, FMF, Camp LeJeune, NC. He was awarded two Good Conduct Medals.

Mr. Jessup worked for Eastern Airlines from 1964 to 1974. He married Caroline Mary Gerard on November 19, 1966 in Alexandria, VA. They moved to Gaithersburg, MD, where he began a career with the General Electric Corporation. While at GE, he was instrumental in the development of the MARK 3000 System.

In the true spirit of a United States Marine, he served his community throughout his life. He was involved in numerous community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for his neighborhood and the Gaithersburg Board of Appeals. He was a football, baseball and basketball coach for his children and a Boy Scout Leader in Troops 207 and 494.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Bill, Rick and Dana; five grandchildren, two brothers, his mother and many other relatives and friends. He was a beloved father, husband, son, grandfather and friend who loved to play games with his family from cards to Trivial Pursuit. Friends remember the Jessup home always as one of boisterous activity, laughter and joy.

Robert Jessup's ideas about serving others live on in his children. His sons work in federal law enforcement; his daughter cares for senior citizens who do not have family to care for them in the Denver area.

It is an honor to share this farewell tribute with my Colleagues.

Mr. Jessup is being interred today, May 1, in Arlington Cemetery. Semper Fi.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 117, 118 and 119. For the record, had I been present I

would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 117 and 119 and "nay" on rollcall vote 118.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would renew two important provisions of the Higher Education Act, which are set to expire on September 30, 2002.

The first expiring provision, Section 428G(a)(3), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to disburse a loan in a single installment for any period of enrollment that is not more than 1 semester, 1 trimester, 1 quarter, or 4 months.

The second expiring provision, Section 428G(b)(1), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to waive the requirement that first-year, first-time borrowers loan proceeds be withheld for 30 days.

Each provision was part of the 1998 HEA reauthorization law (H.R. 6). The decision to sunset both provisions was due to a combination of PAY-GO budget pressures and a wish by the HEA reauthorization conferees to revisit each provision's efficacy in reducing regulatory burden while maintaining the integrity of the federal loan programs.

These goals have been met. Not only has regulatory burden been reduced, but costs also have been reduced for schools and lenders.

Further, there is no evidence that adoption of these provisions has caused any increase in default rates at participating schools or increased costs to the government. In light of the reality that both provisions benefit students and do not increase loan defaults, it is important that we extend both provisions permanently.

Expiration of these beneficial provisions not only will place unnecessary administrative burdens on schools, but also will disadvantage students. The first provision allows schools the flexibility, especially in the case of students attending summer sessions and graduating mid-year seniors, to disburse the proceeds of their loan in a single payment, and is just a commonsense administrative decision.

The second provision allows school to disburse a loan to their first year students so that they may have access to their funds to purchase books and supplies, pay housing costs, and other associated educational expenses. Without extension of this provision, many students, due to their inability to purchase textbooks and acquire housing for 30 days, fall behind in their studies and may dropout. This process may paradoxically drive up default rates.

Additionally, failure to renew these provisions would cause administrative disruption for schools. Schools would need to revise policies and procedures, counseling activities and student disclosure and related materials, and reprogram computer systems. These activities would need to be completed prior to the beginning of the award year on July 1st. Consequently, legislative action should be completed as soon as possible but no later than June 1, 2002.